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Welcome to the latest trend in punk rock – head-banging housewives who sing about dirty dishes and unruly children

In the '70s, punk was the preserve of stropky, spotty youths wearing safety-pin-studded leather. Gobbing on the audience was de rigueur, while a ghostly complexion was desirable. But what happens when these original punks grow up and have kids? Well, in the case of new US band Housewives On Prozac, they keep the punk sensibility and screeching guitars, but instead of *Pretty Vacant* it's *Pick Up Your Socks* and *Eat Your Damn Spaghetti*.

Housewives On Prozac are just one of several 'punk mom' bands springing up across the US. Lead singer Joy Rose, 48, a mother-of-four, turned to punk after moving to the suburbs to raise her brood in Wisteria Lane-style cosiness. 'I saw people stuck raising

kids with difficult jobs and I was hellbent on creating some fun,' she says. 'It seemed more appropriate to sing about screaming at my kids rather than doing it.' So, will punk mom rock be arriving on British shores soon? It appears so – Derby-based band The Mothers have released a CD, *Ovulation*, and are currently touring.

Drummer Izzy formed the band after giving birth to twins in December 2002. 'Life was pretty crazy – escaping to play drums in a cellar and forming an all-mum punk band made total sense,' she says. This week sees the release of the first mom rock compilation CD. And who knows, maybe *Pick Up Your Socks* will even make it into the Top 10.

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